

# 59 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, LIGHT

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

59 Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 22 Nov 1940  
Activated 1 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 59 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 10 Jun 1943  
Disbanded, 20 Jun 1944  
Reconstituted and redesignated 59 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 26 May 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 9 Jul 1947  
Inactivated, 2 Sep 1949  
Activated in the reserve, 10 Oct 1949  
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 22 Mar 1951

### STATIONS

Rio Hato, Panama, 1 Jan 1941  
Howard Field, CZ, 28 Oct 1941  
Aguadulce, Panama, 11 Dec 1941 (detachments operated from Hato Field, Curacao, 13 Jan 1942, and Dakota Field, Aruba, 14 Jan-24 Sep 1942)  
Howard Field, CZ, 19 Feb 1942  
Hato Field, Curacao, 10 Mar 1942  
Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 12 Jul 1943  
Beane Field, St Lucia, 20 Oct 1943-24 Mar 1944  
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 7 Apr-20 Jun 1944  
Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Jul 1947  
Reading Mun Aprt, PA, 27 Jun-2 Sep 1949  
Birmingham Mun Aprt, AL, 10 Oct 1949-22 Mar 1951

### ASSIGNMENTS

Panama Canal Department, 1 Jan 1941

19 Bombardment Wing, 2 Jan 1941  
VI Bomber Command, 25 Oct 1941  
Antilles Air Task Force, 19 Mar 1943  
25 Bombardment Group, 11 Oct 1943-20 Jun 1944  
319 Bombardment Group, 9 Jul 1947-2 Sep 1949  
319 Bombardment Group, 10 Oct 1949-22 Mar 1951

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

9 Bombardment Group, 6 Jan 1941-21 Jul 1942  
Trinidad Detachment, VI Fighter Command, 21 Jul 1942-unkn  
25 Bombardment Group (under operational control of a detachment of Antilles Air Task Force, 26 Apr 1943-1 Aug 1943)

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

A-20, 1941-1943  
B-18, 1943-1944  
B-25, 1943-1944

#### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols in the Caribbean during World War II.

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